

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

104th Congress

1st Session

Vote No. 151

May 4, 1995, 1:23 p.m.

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PRODUCT LIABILITY/Cloture on Substitute (1st Attempt)

SUBJECT: Product Liability Fairness Act . . . H.R. 956. Gorton motion to close debate on the Gorton substitute amendment No. 596.

ACTION: CLOTURE MOTION REJECTED, 46-53

SYNOPSIS: As passed by the House, H.R. 956, the Product Liability Fairness Act, will establish uniform Federal and State civil litigation standards for product liability cases and other civil cases, including medical malpractice actions.

The Gorton substitute amendment, as amended, would amend product liability law in Federal and State actions by abolishing the doctrine of joint liability for noneconomic damages, creating a consistent standard for the award of punitive damages and limiting such damages, and requiring the disclosure of attorney fees (see vote No. 135). It would also reform medical malpractice liability laws (see vote Nos. 137-144), provide sanctions for frivolous suits (see vote No. 136), and cap punitive damage awards in civil cases affecting commerce (see vote No. 146).

On May 2, 1995, Senator Gorton sent to the desk, for himself and others, a motion to close debate on the Gorton substitute amendment, as amended.

NOTE: A three-fifths majority (60) vote of the Senate is required to invoke cloture.

For debate, see vote No. 152.

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YEAS (46)			NAYS (53)			NOT VOTING (1)	
Republicans (44 or 81%)		Democrats (2 or 4%)	Republicans (10 or 19%)	Democrats (43 or 96%)		Republicans (0)	Democrats (1)
Abraham	Hatfield	Exon	Cochran	Akaka	Hollings		Pell- ^{1AY}
Ashcroft	Helms	Lieberman	Cohen	Baucus	Inouye		
Bennett	Hutchison		D'Amato	Biden	Johnston		
Bond	Inhofe		Packwood	Bingaman	Kennedy		
Brown	Jeffords		Roth	Boxer	Kerrey		
Burns	Kassebaum		Shelby	Bradley	Kerry		
Campbell	Kempthorne		Simpson	Breaux	Kohl		
Chafee	Kyl		Specter	Bryan	Lautenberg		
Coats	Lott		Thompson	Bumpers	Leahy		
Coverdell	Lugar		Thurmond	Byrd	Levin		
Craig	Mack			Conrad	Mikulski		
DeWine	McCain			Daschle	Moseley-Braun		
Dole	McConnell			Dodd	Moynihan		
Domenici	Murkowski			Dorgan	Murray		
Faircloth	Nickles			Feingold	Nunn		
Frist	Pressler			Feinstein	Pryor		
Gorton	Santorum			Ford	Reid		
Gramm	Smith			Glenn	Robb		
Grams	Snowe			Graham	Rockefeller		
Grassley	Stevens			Harkin	Sarbanes		
Gregg	Thomas			Heflin	Simon		
Hatch	Warner				Wellstone		

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay